



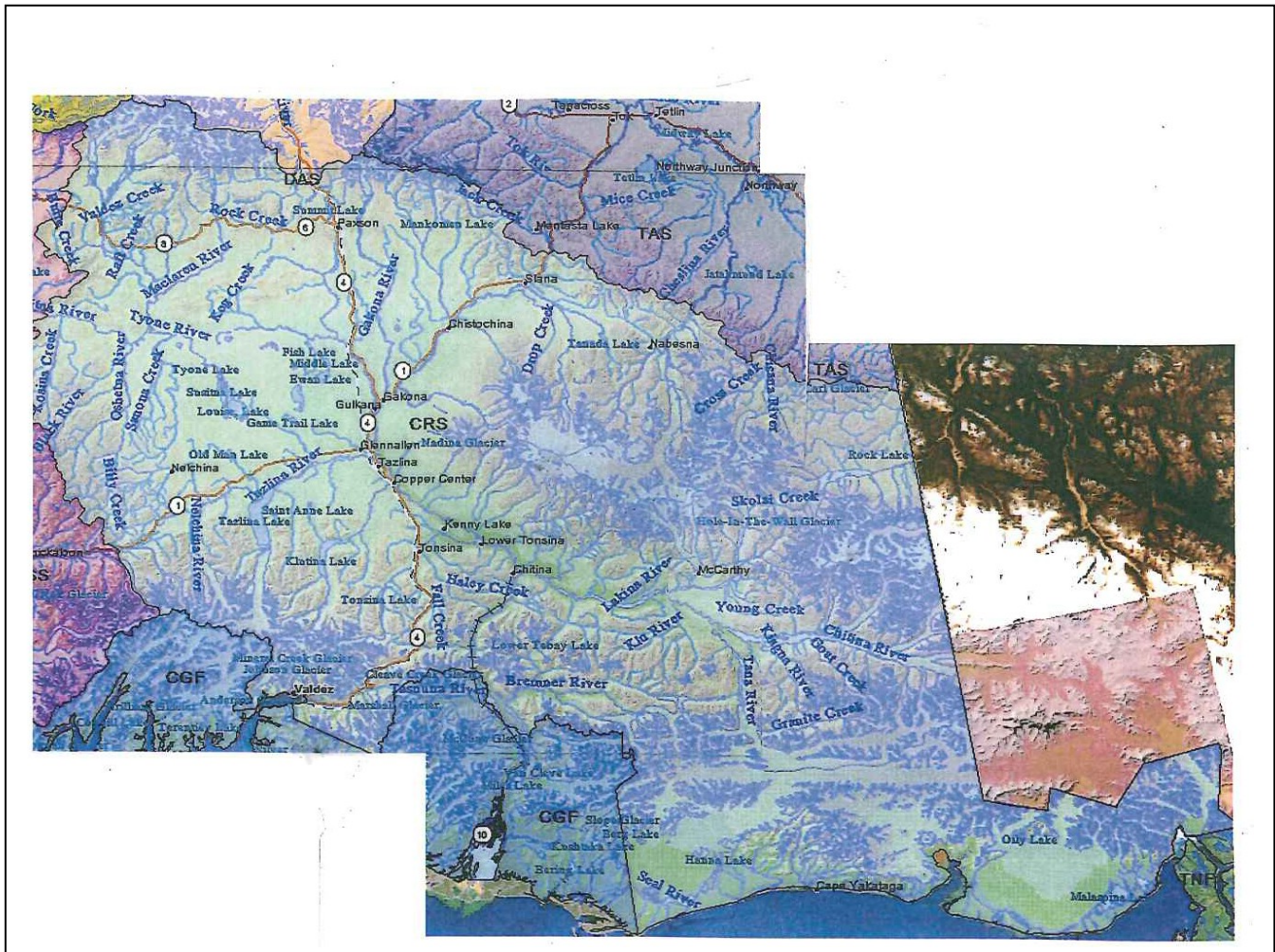
COPPER RIVER AREA ORIENTATION GUIDE 2009

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VALDEZ/COPPER RIVER FORESTRY SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

The Valdez/Copper River area, within the Northern Region of the Alaska Division of Forestry is responsible for wildfire prevention and suppression operations within its initial attack zone. This zone encompasses 34,000 square miles, or approximately 20.1 million acres. This area runs along the road system and backcountry from Glennallen to the south boundary in Valdez, north on the Richardson Highway to Phelan Creek, then west along the Glenn Highway to approximately mile 114, then south easterly encompassing the Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve to the Canadian Border and east to approximately mile 75 of the Tok Cut-off.



History

- In 1915 a 384,000-acre fire burned from the town of Chitina to the Kennicott River and from the river to the mountains on the north side. Sparks from the Copper River and Northwest Railroad presumably set this fire. That same year, the Kennicott fire set on a windy day, reportedly to kill timber for a fuel wood sale, burned all the timbered country between the Kennicott and Nizina Rivers consuming about 64,000 acres.
- In 1926 the Mile 1 Richardson Highway fire burned 128,000 acres between the Copper River and Tonsina River with the Richardson Highway as the western boundary.
- The 1947 Tazlina fire burned 125,000 acres between Tazlina Lake and the Glenn Highway.
- In 1958 the Copper Canyon fire burned 2,500 acres.
- In 1969 the Kenny Lake and Sinona Creek fires burned 1,830 and 925 acres respectively.
- In 1981 the Wilson Camp fire burned 13,000 acres.
- Approximately 90% of the Copper River Area wildfires are human cause and 10% are caused by lightning.

Fuels

Fuels include extensive areas of black spruce and stands of mature white spruce, hardwoods and mixed conifers. Tundra vegetation can be the main fire carrier with peat moss and duff fires requiring extensive mop up. Fine fuels are extremely dry after breakup (snowmelt) and remain so until green up (trees leaf out). Although Alaska forests look green and lush, even in the summer, black spruce can be extremely flammable. Spruce forests have an almost mattress-like layer of moss and lichens which readily burns even shortly after it rains. Ground fuels can carry fire through spruce forests igniting individual or groups of trees. Torching trees generate fire brands, burning particles that drift on the wind often igniting new fires where they land.

Weather

Weather can go for weeks with temperatures in the 70's and 80's with no precipitation. Rainfall averages 7 inches during fire season (May to September 30) with humidity as low as 13%. Weather patterns such as strong high-pressure systems or wet low fronts tend to remain for weeks.

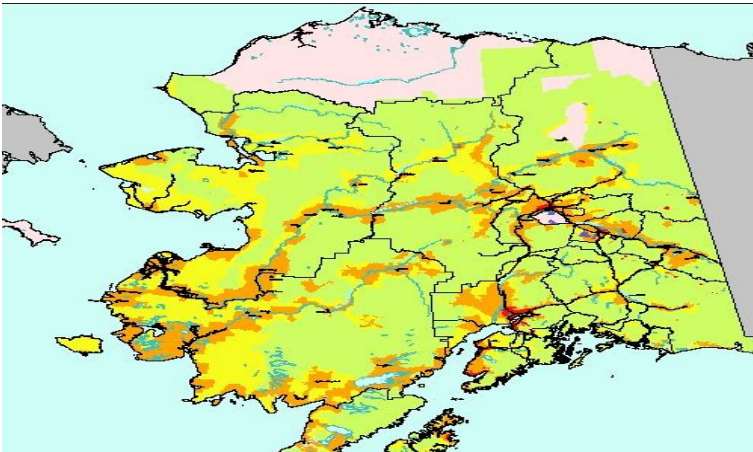
Wildfires show a high resistance to control during periods of high fire danger and usually take one burning period to fully suppress. Rapid rates of spread are evident when winds exceed 10 mph. Historically, large fires exceeding 1,000 acres occur every ten to fifteen years. Threats to life and property are the highest priorities within the area. Most of the structures are primary residences with the majority of human activity occurring along the highway systems.

Valdez/Copper River Area Weather Stations

Designator	Station	Coordinates	Number	Elevation
MANUAL				
KNY	KENNY LAKE	61 44 X 144 56	500925	1280
TZL	MENDELTONA	6203 X 146 32	500955	2411
5SZ	SLANA	6243 X 143 58	500954	2190
TZV	TAZLINA VILLAGE	62 02 X 145 22	500947	1225
RAWS				
CSN	CHISASA	62 08 X 14200	500933	3318
MAC	MAY CREEK	61 19 X 142 35	500957	1600
KLA	KLAWASI	62 08 X 144 52	500958	3100
CXC	CHITINA	61 31 X 144 26	500945	575

CZO	CHISTOCHINA	6233 X 144 40	500949	2160
PAXK	PAXSON	6302 X 145.30	500931	2654

Fire Management Options in Alaska



Alaska fire protection options in the Alaska Interagency Fire Management Plan (IFMPs) provide for a full range of suppression responses from aggressive control and extinguishment to surveillance. Firefighter and public safety is of the highest priority for all options. [Note: In general, control, contain, and confine strategies relate with different protection options. Control strategies can be associated with critical and full protection. A contain or confine strategy can be associated with modified protection, and a confine (to a geographic area) strategy can be associated with limited protection.

Critical Protection - suppression action provided on a wildland fire that threatens human life, inhabited property, designated physical developments and structural resources such as those designated as National Historic Landmarks. The suppression objective is to provide complete protection to identified sites and control the fire at the smallest acreage reasonably possible. The allocation of suppression resources to fires threatening critical sites is given the highest priority.

Full Protection - suppression action provided on a wildland fire that threatens uninhabited private property, high-valued natural resource areas, and other high-valued areas such as identified cultural and historical sites. The suppression objective is to control the fire at the smallest acreage reasonably possible. The allocation of suppression resources to fires receiving the full protection option is second in priority only to fires threatening a critical protection area.

Modified Protection - suppression action provided on a wildland fire in areas where values to be protected do not justify the expense of full protection. The suppression objective is to reduce overall suppression costs without compromising protection of higher-valued adjacent resources. The allocation of suppression resources to fires receiving the modified protection option is of a lower priority than those in critical and full protection areas. A higher level of protection may be given during the peak burning periods of the fire season than early or late in the fire season.

Limited Protection - lowest level of suppression action provided on a wildland fire in areas where values to be protected do not justify the expense of a higher level of protection, and where opportunities can be provided for fire to help achieve land and resource protection objectives. The suppression objective is to minimize suppression costs without compromising protection of higher-valued adjacent resources. The allocation of suppression resources to fires receiving the limited protection option is of the lowest priority. Surveillance is an acceptable suppression response as long as higher valued adjacent resources are not threatened.

Interagency Effort

Fire management planning, preparedness, suppression operations, prescribed fire, and related activities are coordinated on an interagency basis with the full involvement of DOF and its state, federal and local government cooperators.

The Alaska Division of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, fight fires within their protection areas on all land ownerships which reduces the duplication of facilities and services. None of the agencies in Alaska have all of the resources required to accomplish the fire protection job on their own. The Division of Forestry has cooperative agreements with the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, and numerous local government and volunteer fire departments to help get the job done. The state and federal agencies routinely utilize each other's personnel and resources to both manage and fight fires. This interagency cooperation leads to an efficient and cost effective management of Alaska's wildland fires.

In 1984 the State of Alaska adopted the National Interagency Incident Management System Incident Command System concept for managing its fire suppression program. The Incident Command System guiding principles are followed in all wildland fire management operations. All state of Alaska departments are required to use the incident command system per the Governor's administrative order #170.

Cooperating Fire Departments

Fire Depts. 911	Phone	Chief/phone	Alternate
Chitina VFD	823-2235 823-2251 (Commo Central)	Arlene Lenard 823-2250 Dan Boone Sr. 823-2251	Emergency Fire Barline 823-2263
Chistochina	822-3435	Joneal Hicks	
Glennrich Fire Rescue (Glennallen/CC/Tazlina)	822-3033 Fax 822-4293	Pete Dalton 822-7427, Asst: Bob Olson 822-3866	Cell: 259-5334 822-3244, 5885
Gakona VFD	822-3935	Mike Jenkins 822-3935	822-3030
Gulkana	822-3172	Rick Young	
Kenny Lake VFD	822-5202	Paul Jasper 822-3856	
Lake Louise	822-3938	Dave Wittenburg	
McCarthy VFD			
Sapa VFD	822-3047, 5745, 5641, 5901	Guillermo Girildo	822-5641 822-5904
Strelina VFD	823-2277 M-F, 8AM-12PM	Carrie Hale 822-2277	CB Channel 19 William Patrick
Tolsona	822-4051	Randy Struck	
Valdez Fire Dept.	835-4560	George Keeney	

Burn Permits

In the Copper River Area, burning permits are required for all burning other than fires contained within an approved device and fires used for signaling, cooking or warming. All other burning in the permit area requires a permit during the fire season (between April 1 and August 31) each year or as defined by public order. Class B and C permits require an inspection by the Prevention officer or delegated operations personnel.

The Copper River Area utilizes the state on line burn permit system. Residents wishing to obtain a permit can either obtain one through the internet at www.state.ak.us/forestry/burn or by calling the Copper River Area office.

At times due to the fire danger either of the two following restrictions may apply:

Burn Suspension: (burn permit suspension) applies to permitted burns only (Class A, B or C issued by the State Division of Forestry) and is issued by the Valdez Copper River Area Office. Warming fires, campfires and approved burn barrels do not require a permit and are therefore allowed during a burn permit suspension.

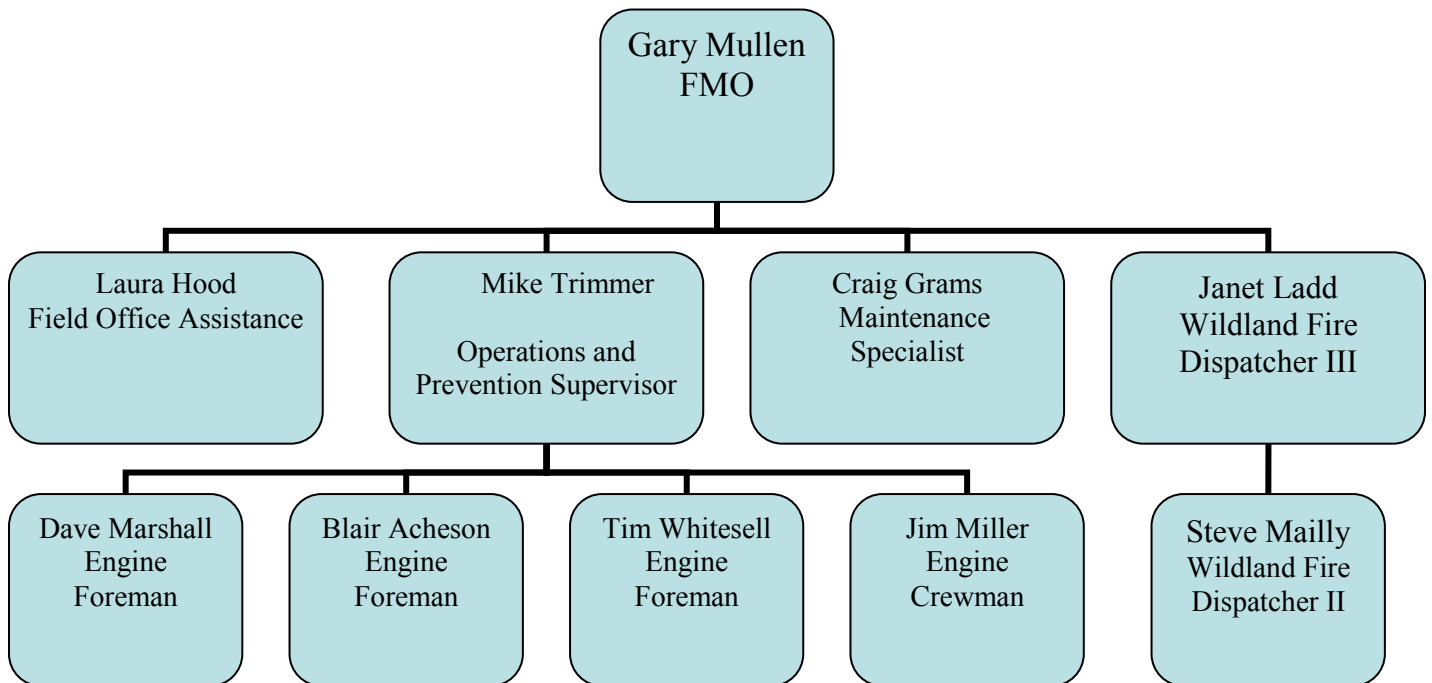
Burn Ban: is a ban on all open burning and includes warming fires, campfires and approved burn barrels. This ban only occurs during the highest of fire dangers and requires all fires to be extinguished immediately. Burn bans are implemented/rescinded by the Commissioner of Natural Resources or their designee (State Forester).

2009 Duty Officer List

COPPER RIVER AREA FORESTRY			
2009 PHONE NUMBERS AND D.O. SCHEDULE			
The Duty Officer transition will occur at 0800 hrs every Tuesday. Depending on fire assignments, etc. the Duty Officer may change; Please check the teletype for current scheduled Duty Officer.			
FIRE LINE		822-5533	
Duty Officer Name		Home	Cell
Gary Mullen			748-2063
Janet Ladd			632-0815
Mike Trimmer			529-0422
DATES	DUTY OFFICER	DATES	DUTY OFFICER
April 1- April 6	Gary Mullen	June 23 – June 29	Janet Ladd
April 7 – April 13	Gary Mullen	June 30 – July 6	Gary Mullen
April 14 – April 20	Mike Trimmer	July 7 – July 13	Mike Trimmer
April 21 – April 27	Janet Ladd	July 14 – July 20	Janet Ladd
April 28 - May 4	Gary Mullen	July 21 – July 27	Gary Mullen
May 5 – May 11	Mike Trimmer	July 28 – Aug 3	Mike Trimmer
May 12 – May 18	Janet Ladd	Aug 4 – Aug 10	Janet Ladd
May 19 – May 25	Gary Mullen	Aug 11 - Aug 17	Gary Mullen
May 26 - June 1	Mike Trimmer	Aug 18 – Aug 24	Mike Trimmer
June 2 – June 8	Janet Ladd	Aug 25 – Aug 31	Janet Ladd
June 9 – June 15	Gary Mullen	Sep 1 – Sep 7	Gary Mullen
June 16 – June 22	Mike Trimmer	Sep 8 - Sep 14	Mike Trimmer

Personnel

NAME	POSITION		CELL PHONE
Acheson, Blair	Engine Foreman (Tech. III)		529-0420
Grams, Craig	Maintenance Technician		748-2166
Hood, Laura	Administration		748-2167
Ladd, Janet	Wildland Fire Dispatcher III		632-0815
Maily, Steve	Wildland Fire Dispatcher II		259-3703
Marshall, Dave	Engine Foreman (Tech III)		250-0110
Miller, Jim	Engine Crewperson		529-0510
Mullen, Gary	FMO (Fire Management Officer)		748-2063
Trimmer, Mike	Operations Supervisor/Prevention		529-0422
Whitesell, Tim	Engine Foreman (Tech. III)		529-0511



Air Operations

The Copper River Helibase (Coordinates 62 02.00 X 145 25) is located at 141 degrees and 8 nautical miles from the Gulkana VOR (GKN). The helibase is composed of grass and there is room for four helicopters. Pilots landing at the helibase need to contact CRA Dispatch on State Air to Ground 132.45 five minutes before landing.

Aviation fuel

Av-gas and Jet fuel are available at the Gulkana airport (GKN) using a fuel card. Radio the dispatch office on 132.45 and they will send someone to the airport with the fuel card. VCRA field station also has one 350 gallon jet fuel truck.

Local Aircraft Hazards

- In the Paxson/Denali Highway area the Military has Special Use Training Routes.
- The McCarthy area has old tram cables that are not marked with the orange balls.
- Woods Canyon area south of Chitina has a cable crossing that is not marked; it is about 30-70 feet above the river.
- Located at 1445 07 X 62 04, 20 miles northwest of Gulkana Airport, there is the HAARP project which is a Military radar site.
- Use caution at and around airfields for migratory fowl, moose, and caribou.

Flight following

Frequencies:

STATE: 132.45 (Air to ground) 128.45 (Air to Air) Primary 133.45 Secondary Air to Air.

All aircraft are required to make the following reports to the dispatch office on departure:

- Number of Souls on Board (SOB)- pilot(s) + passenger
- Fuel on Board (FOB – in hours + min)
- Estimated time enroute (ETE) to next destination
- Destination
- AFF (automated flight following) operational check
- **30 minute check-ins via radio or pre-arranged AFF:**
 - Position reports and revised ETA
- **10 minute to landing:**
 - Indicate if fuel is requested
 - If landing at other location indicate anticipated time on ground.
- **Arrival:**
 - Report landing at intermediate or final destination.

State of Alaska Aviation Policies and Procedures:

The State of Alaska, Division of Forestry utilizes the Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG) strictly as a guide. DNR's aviation policies are identified in the Aviation Policies and Procedures manual (PPM's) which is available in the logistics office. Non State Forestry employees should follow their agencies policies and procedures. In addition to the BLM supplement, the State of Alaska's DOF has some specific exemptions:

1. The fixed weight reduction is not required for State of Alaska procured helicopters transporting state employees only. The fixed weight reduction will be utilized when any other agency personnel are on board.
2. State of Alaska managers and crewmembers may be transported aboard restricted category helicopters with the approval of the State Aviation Manager.



VCRA Airfields

Airport	Coordinates	Elevation	Runway	Fuel
Gulkana (4 NE) (seasonal)	N62 09.29 W145 27.40	1579	5000 asphalt	100 LL, Jet
Chitina (4 N)	N61 34.97 W144 25.63	556	2800 gravel/turf	
Chistochina (0SW)	N62 33.81 W144 40.13	1850	2000 gravel/turf	
Eureka (0 S)	N6156.22 W147 10.13	3289	2400 gravel	
May Creek (1 S)	N61 02.14 W142 41.21	1650	2700 gravel/turf	
McCarthy (13 SE)	N61 13.12 W142 53.39	1052	1600 gravel	
McCarthy #2 (1 NE)	N61 26.22 W142 54.22	1531	3500 gravel	
Valdez (3 E)	N61 08.04 W146 14.90	120	6500 asphalt	100 LL, Jet

Meals and Lodging

Personnel assigned as fire suppression, fire support, or as preposition resources outside their duty station are entitled to meals and lodging while stationed in the Copper River Area. All subsistence needs that are not related to fire suppression, fire prepositioning, or fire support must be reimbursed through the State of Alaska's travel authorization system. Persons working on a fire, or staged in camp, will receive the usual rations of MREs, with fresh food every three days.

Meals for fire suppression and fire support personnel are handled through **non-transferable** Forestry Meal Coupons or, preferably, per diem. Meal coupons are available through the logistics office. Per Diem if approved is reimbursable through the Travel Authorization System. All federal employees will be subsisted using the meal coupon.

The local dispatch office will issue one coupon per person, per meal, circling the appropriate maximum dollar amount designated by the Division of Forestry for each meal as follows: \$12.00 for breakfast, \$16.00 for lunch, and \$22.00 for dinner. Tips, alcoholic beverages, non-food items, taxes and purchases in excess of the designated dollar amount for each meal are not chargeable to these coupons. The coupons are simple to use and full instructions appear on the back of the coupon. Coupons are usable only with those vendors who have a current contract with the State of Alaska.

Lodging reservations are arranged through the Valdez/Copper River Area Forestry dispatch office.

Valdez Copper River meal & lodging vendors 2009				
<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Physical Address</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Meal Vendors				<i>(miles)</i>
Copper Center Lodge	822-3245	Kim	Copper Center Loop Road	7
Mendeltna Lodge	822-3346	Mabel	153 Glenn. Hwy	43
New Caribou Restaurant	822-4222/3149	Kelly	Mile 187.5 Glenn. Hwy	4
P J 's Enterprises Golden Spruce	822-5556	Patty	Mile 9.9 Edgerton Hwy	38
Princess Lodge	822-4000		Mile 100 Rich. Hwy	10
Sparks General Store	822-5990	Michael	Mile 189 Glenn. Hwy	3
Tolsona Lake Resort	822-3443/5433		Mile 170. Glenn Hwy	25
Park's Place Grocery	822-3334	Rick	Mile 187 Glenn Hwy	5
Hotel/Motel Vendors				
American Village of Alaska (Caribou)	822-3111	James	Mile 187 Glenn Hwy	
Copper Center Lodge	822-3245	Kim	Copper Center Loop Road	
Kennicott River Lodge	554-4441	Brad	Mile 59 McCarthy Rd.	
Mendeltna Creek Lodge	822-3346	Mabel	153 Glenn. Hwy	
P J 's Enterprises Golden Spruce	822-5556	Patty	Mile 9.9 Edgerton Hwy	
Princess Lodge	822-4000		Mile 110 Rich Hwy	

Our Facility

Cache

The Valdez Copper River area no longer has the support of a fully stocked and staffed warehouse. The “warehouse” was replaced with a cache. The cache is capable of supporting a minimum number of initial attack wildland fires, replenishing the NUS of two engines, three helitack loads and supplying one 20 person crew. Support of extended attack fires, training, SFD needs and other support needs are now submitted to the SLC (State Logistics Center) for processing.

In general, access to the VCRA cache is restricted to permanent VCRA State forestry personnel or other personnel authorized by the FMO (Gary Mullen) or the cache manager (Craig Grams). Complete cache operating guidelines for VCRA employees, EFF and visiting personnel are available from the cache manager or dispatch. Those personnel authorized to access the cache are required to understand and follow the procedures outlined in the cache operation guide.

Tech Trailer

The VCRA “tech trailer” is equipped with kitchen, bathroom and showering area. There is a separate locker area for permanent operations technicians to store their fire gear. All food items in the refrigerator need to be labeled with your name and date. All personnel are responsible for contributing to the general cleaning of the tech trailer.

Main Office

The main office building is the reception area for the general public as well as offices for the FMO, Admin, Prevention, Dispatch and two offices for operations. There is also a general meeting/teaching conference area where the morning briefing is held.

Daily Schedule:

0800 Dispatch is open

0900 Engine Readiness

0915 Physical Training for operations

0930 Weather Briefing provided by NWS in dispatch

0945 M,W,F Preposition Teleconference or daily as activity dictates

1030 Area Operations Brief

1600 Extended Staffing announced

**schedule may change with little or no notice based on fire activity.

Vehicle Use

In keeping with the policies of the Department of Natural Resources, vehicles are used only for state business. This includes vehicles leased or rented by the state in support of or for wildland fires.

Only those persons employed by the state, who are on state business, may operate state vehicles. This may be extended at the area's discretion to include individuals who have a contractual relationship with the state: i.e., pilots and other agency cooperators, such as smokejumpers.

Because of the distances between the Copper River duty station, the Gulkana Airport, and eating/lodging establishments, it will often be in the states best interest for temporarily assigned personnel to transport themselves, if there are vehicles available. Authorization for visiting personnel to operate VCRA vehicles must be obtained through logistics. All keys to vehicles are kept on the keyboard in the kitchen area of the main office. Attached to each key is the credit card needed for obtaining fuel for the vehicle. Slip on and on board pumps should be fueled with the engines credit card. Engine oil may also be purchased with the credit card. Please ask dispatch or your supervisor for instructions in using the credit card. All fuel receipts are to be placed in the administration "in basket" with the correct charge code written on each receipt. VCRA has a fuel cache with premix and a few drums of unleaded; however the preferred method of fueling is to utilize the credit card at a service station.

Valdez~Copper River Equipment List

TYPE	MAKE	DESIGNATOR	LICENSE	PHONE
Mini Van	Chevy Astro	C-2	33456	
Flatbed	1 ton Chevy	C-3	32548	
Pick-up	4x4 Chevy	C-5	30569	
Engine Type 6	1 ½ ton Ford 4x4 Acheson	C-61	33221	529-0420
Engine Type 6	Ford 4x4 Trimmer	C-71	36493	529-0422
Engine Type 3	2 ½ ton IHC Marshall	C-31	7529	529-0424
Engine Type 3	Freightliner Whitesell	C-32	33664	529-0423
Engine Type 3	3 Ton Ford	C-33	24531	240-0683
Fuel Truck	Chevy 4x4	F-1	31088	

Communications

The state of Alaska utilizes a microwave system and a series of repeaters for its two-way radio systems. Two important concepts in two-way radio usage are “line of sight” and “range”. Forestry radios operate using FM (frequency Modulation) in the VHF (Very High Frequency) band. This type of radio transmission has good range and clarity but is line of sight (simplex). The transmitter and receiver cannot be blocked from one another by mountains, buildings, or other dense metallic objects.

Range is determined by a radio’s antenna system, battery condition and power. The most important of the three is the antenna. The best antenna is permanently mounted mobile or fixed site antenna. To increase antenna effectiveness:

- Do not use a radio without an antenna.
- Always try to hold a handheld radio up and away from your body, by using a remote microphone whenever possible.

To extend range and “line of sight” in mountainous terrain and over long distances, radios called repeaters are placed on mountain tops statewide. You must know where the repeaters are in relation to your location to determine the best site to use. The Copper River Area has two repeater sites, Tolsona (DOF A) and Willow Mountain (DOF C). See dispatch to obtain the Division of Forestry [Frequency Guide Book](#) for a complete listing of frequencies and groupings by area.

The Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) system is a trunked, VHF, digital radio system designed to provide secure communications for first responders and public safety personnel. Trunking refers to the automatic sharing of a small number of radio channels between a large number of radio users. ALMR zones talk groups have been programmed into all trunk capable radios. All engines and initial attack vehicles are equipped with Motorola XTL 5000 radios and the Copper River dispatch office has two Motorola Astro consoles to monitor ALMR traffic on the CRS frequency. If you are assigned to an engine a thorough briefing from your foreman on radio use is strongly recommended.

ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY STATEWIDE 14-CHANNEL FREQUENCY LIST

Ch #	Description		RX	TX	CG	
1	DOF A IA	DOFA	151.2650	159.2700	141.3 *	
2	Forestry Simplex A	SIMA	151.2650	151.2650		
3	DOF B IA	DOFB	151.2950	159.3000	141.3	
4	Forestry Simplex B	SIMB	151.2950	151.2950		
5	DOF C IA	DOFC	151.3250	159.3300	141.3 **	
6	Forestry Simplex C	SIMC	151.3250	151.3250		
7	DOF D IA	DOFD	151.2800	159.3450	141.3	
8	Forestry Simplex D	SIMD	151.2800	151.2800		
9	Mutual Aid 1	MUT1	154.2950	154.2950		
10	Command & Control	CnC	155.2950	155.2950		
11	Tactical Air/Ground	TCAG	166.6375	166.6375		N
12	Interagency Tac 1 IA	IAT1	159.3750	159.3750		N
13	Interagency Tac 2 IA	IAT2	172.2250	172.2250		N
14	Air Guard (USFS)	GARD	168.6250	168.6250	110.9	N

N = Narrowband frequencies

* Copper River DOFA

CG 127.3

** Ninilchik DOFC

CG 114.8

CHANNEL 1 - 8

State of Alaska, DNR DIVISION OF FORESTRY INITIAL ATTACK frequencies

CHANNEL 9

STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID: For use with VFD and other cooperating agencies for initial contact on mutual aid responses in the urban interface.

CHANNEL 10

STATEWIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL: To be established when radio traffic on Mutual Aid 1 (154.295) and/or tactical frequencies exceeds limits of effective communications on an incident.

CHANNEL 11

Interagency Air to Ground: Utilized for communication with tactical aircraft during initial and extended attack incident operations.

CHANNEL 12 - 13

INTERAGENCY INITIAL ATTACK: Utilized as a Scene of Action frequency when multiple agencies are responding (ex: DOF and AFS). These frequencies are available for use by any cooperator during initial attack of wildland incidents.

CHANNEL 14

INTERAGENCY AIR GUARD: Utilized for:

- 1) Air to Ground, Ground to Air communications for safety
- 2) Emergency Air Contact (when unable to make contact on other frequencies)
- 3) Emergency diversion of aircraft to higher priority incidents.

AM AIRCRAFT FREQUENCIES

DOF AIR-TO-GROUND -	132.45	STATEWIDE AIR-TO-AIR -	128.45	-	Primary
AFS AIR-TO-GROUND -	127.45		133.45	-	Secondary

~ WIDEBAND-ONLY RADIOS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON FEDERAL INCIDENTS OR NARROWBAND FREQUENCIES~

**2009 Emergency Phone List
Valdez/Copper River Area Forestry**

Agency/Corp./Org.	Day Phone	Contact Person	Evening Phone
AHTNA Inc. Contacts for fires on Native land	Ken Johns 822-3476	Kathryn Martin 822 3785	320-7476
ADES State Emergency Response Coordinator	1-800-478-2337 428-7000	Wanice Cowles SERC 428-7042 Coordinator fax 428-7009	
AK Fish & Wildlife Protection	835-4307, 822-3264		
Alyeska Pump 11	822-5211	Glennallen Response Base (Now at Pump 11)	
Alyeska Pump 12	822-5211	(Same as Pump 11)	
BLM (Will Runnoe) South Zone FMO, Kelly Kane	822-3217 267-1465, Cell 242-8648	Will Runnoe , hm: 822-5597 Mike Sondergaard	Cell: 320-7044 822-3957
Chitina Native Corp.	907-823-2223	CNC Fax: 823-2202	
Coast Guard SAR	1-800-478-5555		
Copper Valley Electric	822-3211	Valdez: 835-4301	Emergency After 1700 1-866-835-2832
Copper Valley Telephone	822-3551		
Copper River Native Assoc.	822-5241, fax 4424/3045	Village Public Safety Officer	822-3743
Communication Equip/Repair	356-5847, cell: 632-2089	Kathryn Pyne	Radio communications
	451-2715	Don Baeder	Computers
Cross Road Medical Center	822-3203		
DEC Haz. Mat.	907-835-2824		
After Hours	1-800-478-9300	Oil Spill Notification	
DEC Valdez	907-835-4698		
DOT Tazlina	822-3222	John Hoffman	822-5228, alt 822-5852
Fish and Game	822-3461/3309	Bob Toby	822-5886
Fuel Vendors			
Crowely (Jet B Only) Paul Kildal	Reed Neff 259-3374	Paul Kildal 822-5163 822-3643 hm	Cell:259-3375
Fisher Fuel	Evan Hardman 822-4179		
Gulkana Airport Facility Supervisor	John Hoffman 822-3222		Home: 822-5228
Gulkana Fuel (Airport) 822-4331	Dale Vara 822-4331		
Gulkana Village Council	822-3172	Rick Young	259-3458
Kenai Flight Service	1-800-992-7433		
Land Status	Kathy Johnson 269-8415	Monday-Friday	State Lands Office
MatCom (dispatch troopers & vfd) 911	352-5401 Alt 352-5452	Fax 373-7839	
National Park Service Eastern Area FMO Mark Musitano Cell 978-4468, ph 445-0650 James Savage 978-3144, 455-0651	822-5236 (GKN ops) 455-0651, 0654 Cell:347-1375 Eric Veech 822-7212 GIS, Joshua Scott 7243	866-690-5297 (FMO) Kennecott Ops. 554-4437 (Stephens Harper) GKN Dispatch 822-7431, 7215, 7425; Hangar 7432	1-907-455-0650 Slana Stn. 822-7401 Chitina Stn. 823-2205 Chisana Pay Phone 734-7275
Troopers--Glennallen	911, 822-3263	Fax 822-5594	Shanna.spracklen@ Alaska.gov
Troopers-Valdez	835-4307		
Valdez Airport Manager	835-5658		
University of Alaska Land Mangmt.	786-7766/822-3673	Mary Montgomery 242-2116	
Valdez City Police and Fire	835-4560		

MEDICAL PLAN	VCRA DISPATCH N 6202.57 x W 14525.87	Elevation 1150 feet	Date Prepared 5/1/08	Operational Period ALL			
	Reviewed 3/31/09						
Local Medical Centers							
Medical Aid Stations		Location / GPS Coordinates / Radio Frequencies					
CROSS ROAD MEDICAL CENTER (CLINIC / EMERG. TREATMENT / TRANSFER TO AIR AMBULANCE) 907-822-3203		MILE 186.6 GLENN HIGHWAY (DOWNTOWN GLENNALLEN) HELIPAD - N 6206.54 x W 14532.47 (ETOL or EWIL 911 FREQ.)					
PROVIDENCE VALDEZ MED. CTR. (EMERG. ROOM / O.R. / TRANSFER TO AIR AMBULANCE) 907-835-2249		911 MEALS RD. VALDEZ, AK. (DOWNTOWN VALDEZ) HELIPAD - N 6108.17 x W 14620.68					
Ambulance Services							
Name	Location / GPS Coordinates / Radio Frequencies		Phone	RN/Paramedic Yes No			
COPPER VALLEY EMS	COPPER RIVER AREA (EMS STATEWIDE FREQ. - 155.160 SIM.)		911		XX		
VALDEZ EMS	VALDEZ AREA		911		XX		
PROVIDENCE LIFEGUARD AIR AMBULANCE (ROTOR or FIXED WING)	ANCHORAGE, AK. N 6111.35 x W 14949.31 LIFEGUARD - 155.325 SIMPLEX 122.725 VICTOR		800-478-5433 (or 911)	XX			
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL LIFEFLIGHT (FIXED WING ONLY at MERRIL)	ANCHORAGE, AK. (MERRIL TOWER 118.7 VICTOR) HELIPAD - N 6112.76 x W 14949.59 EMERGENCY ROOM - 130.45 VICTOR		800-478-9111 (or 911)	XX			
Hospitals							
Name	Location / GPS Coordinates	Est. Travel Time Air Ground		Phone	Helipad Yes No		Burn Center Yes No
MAT-SU REGIONAL HOSPITAL (EMERG. ROOM, O.R.)	PALMER, AK. PARKS HWY & TRUNK RD HELIPAD – N 6133.75 x W 14915.66	1+10 hr.	3.0 hr.	EMERG. ROOM 907-861-6620 EMS STATEWIDE 155.160 SIMPLEX	XX		XX
PROVIDENCE VALDEZ MEDICAL CENTER (EMERG. ROOM, O.R.)	VALDEZ, AK. HELIPAD – N 6108.17 x W 14620.68	0+45 hr.	1.5 hr.	907-835-2249	XX		XX
PROVIDENCE ALASKA MEDICAL CENTER (***THERMAL WOUND CTR.)	ANCHORAGE, AK. HELIPAD – N 6111.35 x W 14949.31	1+30 hr.	4.0 hr.	EMERG. ROOM 907-261-3111	XX		XX
ALASKA REGIONAL HOSPITAL (FIXED WING ONLY at MERRIL FIELD)	ANCHORAGE, AK. HELIPAD – N 6112.76 x W 14949.59	1+30 hr.	4.0 hr.	EMERG. ROOM 907-264-1222	XX		XX
Medical Emergency Procedures							
CONTACT COPPER RIVER DISPATCH by RADIO or PHONE							
INFORM DISPATCH if it is a <u>MEDICAL EMERGENCY</u> or <u>NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION</u>							
STATE the GENDER, AGE and DESCRIPTION of INJURIES or ILLNESS (DO NOT USE NAMES OVER RADIO)							
REQUEST FIRST AID EQUIPMENT, EMS, EMERGENCY MEDIVAC by AMBULANCE or AIRCRAFT if NEEDED							
DOCUMENT all TIMES and ACTIONS							
ALL COORDINATES WGS 84 DATUM IN DECIMAL MINUTES							
Prepared by: DAVE MARSHALL FIRE SUPPRESSION TECH.				Reviewed by: JANET LADD VCRA FIRE DISPATCH SUPERVISOR			

Roadside Accommodations Guide

Public Lands and Privately Owned Accommodations in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve & Surrounding Areas

RICHARDSON HIGHWAY

Name	Owner	Phone	Location	Type of Accommodation
Paxson Lake	BLM	None	Mile 189	Dump Station, water
Paxson Alpine Cabins	Kris Howk	822-5972	Mile 185.6	Cabins, views
Paxson Inn & Lodge	private	822-3330	Mile 185.5	Lodge, restaurant, rooms, showers
Meiers Lake Roadhouse	private	822-3151	Mile 170	Lodge
Fielding Lake SRS	State of Alaska	None	Mile 164	Primitive camping
Sourdough Creek	BLM	None	Mile 148	Toilets, fishing, picnic, spot s, boat ramp
Sourdough Roadhouse	private	822-7122	Mile 147.5	Cabins, RV Park, groceries
Gakona Junction Village	Alan LeMaster	822-3664	Mile 128.5	Highway traveler facilities
Fiddler's Green-Bear Creek	Kehl Family	822-5952	Mile 126	B&B, views, year-round
Dry Creek SRS	State of Alaska	None	Mile 117.5	Toilets, water, trails, fishing
Tazlina River RV Park	Radigan Family	822-5434	Mile 110.5	RV Park with facilities
Klutina River B&B	Henspeter Family	822-5858	Mile 102 (Klutina Lk rd)	B&B, views
Copper Center Lodge	private	822-3245/5035	Mile 101 (CC Loop Rd)	Historic Roadhouse and Restaurant
Klutina Salmon Camp	private	822-3991	Mile 100.7 Old Rich	RV Park, tents, etc
Grove's Klutina Fish Camp	Grove Family	822-5822	Mile 100.5 Old Rich	RV park, rooms, electricity, dump
Alaskan Retreat	Dan Widmer	822-4083	Mile 101	Cabin
King for A Day	Rex Henderson	822-3092	Mile 100.5	Hookups, tents, cabin, showers, laundry
Grizzly Gifts Campground	Williams Family	822-3828	Mile 93	Campground, RV and tents, bar, café
Squirrel Creek SRS	State of Alaska	None	Mile 79.5	Toilets, water, fishing
Little Tonsina SRS	State of Alaska	None	Mile 65	Toilets, water, fishing
Tiekel River Lodge	private	822-3259	Mile 56	Lodge, gas
Blueberry Lake	State of Alaska	None	Mile 23	Toilets, trails, fishing
Valdez Glacier	State of Alaska	None	Mile 3.5 (Airport Rd)	Primitive camping

McCARTHY ROAD ACCOMMODATIONS

Name	Owner	Phone Number	Location	Type of Accommodation
Copper River Campground	State D.O.T.	None	Mile .1	Picnic tables, grills, pit toilet, river access
Silver Lake Campground	private	None	Mile 9.3	RV and tent camping, fishing, boat rental
Strelina Zephyr Bunk House	Kasteler	None	Mile 14.5	Cabins, sauna, trails, fishing
McCarthy Rd. Farm	D. Ellsworth	823-2265	Mile 15	Cabin, kitchen, horseback rides
Willow Herb Mt. Depot	private	554-4420	Mile 56.5	Cabins
Swift Creek Cabins	private	554-4474	Mile 57	"Upscale rustic" cabins
WSEN B&B	Kenyon	554-4454	Mile 58	Private cabins, breakfast, information
McCarthy Trail Rides B&B	John Adams	554-4433	Mile 60.5	Breakfast, tours, information
Kennicott R. Lodge & Hostel	private	554-4441	Mile 60.5	Cabins, wall tents, common area, kitchen
Glacier View Campground	private	554-4490	Mile 60.5	Scenic & private campsites, bike rentals
Tramstation	private	554-4401	End of Road	Camping, parking
Ma Johnson Hotel	Betty Adams	554-4402	McCarthy	Downtown McCarthy hotel
McCarthy Lodge	Betty Adams	554-4402	McCarthy	Downtown McCarthy, restaurant, bar
Kennicott Glacier Lodge	private	800-582-5128	Kennecott Main St.	Modern hotel, home meals, showers
17 Silk Stocking Row	S. Hoherty	554-1717	Kennecott-Silk Stocking	Rooms, cottage, views, kitchen
Kennicott Cottage	private	345-7961	Kennecott	Cabin
Historic Kennicott B&B	L. Bunnell	554-4469	Kennecott-Silk Stocking	Bed & Breakfast
Historic Kennicott Cottage	private	554-1717	Kennecott	Cabin

EDGERTON HIGHWAY

Name	Owner	Phone	Location	Type of Accommodation
Wrangell Ranch B&B	Bowman Family	822-5110	Mile 5.1	Bed & Breakfast, Rather Rough-It Adventures
Twinflower Enterprises	Wellman Family	822-3418	Mile 5.7	In-home B&B, trails, campsites
Kenny Lake Lodge	Winningham's	822-3313	Mile 7.5	New rooms, views, gift shop, store, diner
Kenny Lake Mercantile	Winningham's	822-3313	Mile 7.5	RV, tent, dump, gas, laundry, showers
Golden Spruce Cabins	Patty Ryan	822-5556	Mile 9.9	Log cabins, convenience store, showers, gifts
Tonsina River Retreat	Annika Barnes	822-3078	Mile 19.5	Cabin, sauna
Liberty Falls State Park	State of Alaska	None	Mile 23.5	Toilets, picnic tables, trails, waterfall
Chitina Guest Cabins	Winter Family	823-2266	Mile 32.2	Cabins
Fishwheel B&B	Edy Norton	None	Mile 32.25	Cabin, electricity, stove, heat, secluded
Caribou/Eagle Clan Cabins	Chitina Native	823-2223	Mile 32-33	Cabins, kitchens, views

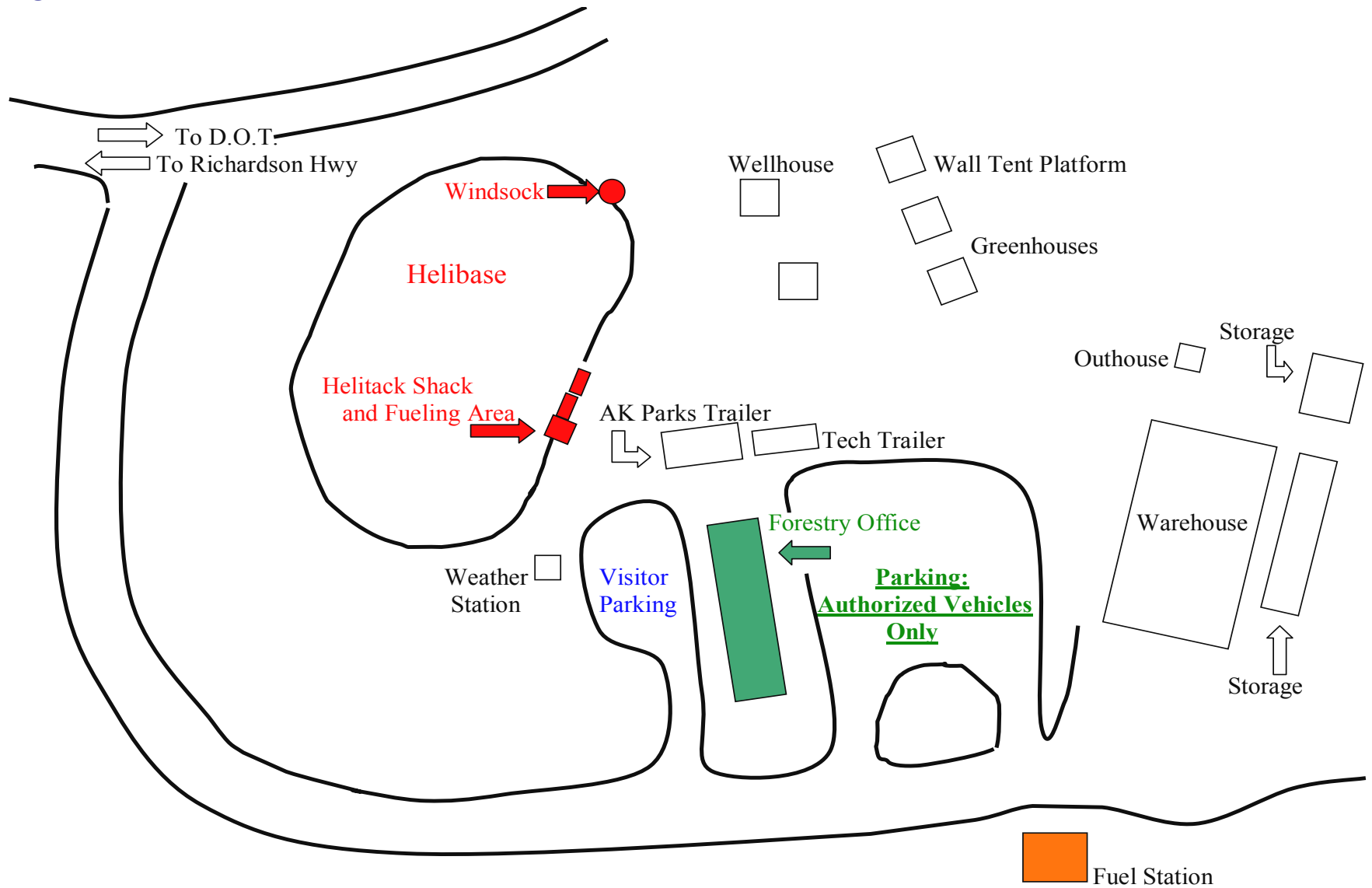
NABESNA ROAD

Name	Owner	Phone	Location	Type of Accommodation
Wrangell Roost Lodge	Hart D Ranch	822-3973	Mile .5	Lodge
Nabesna House B&B	Gary McMichael	822-4284	Mile .5	Bed and Breakfast
Huck Hobbit's	Steve Hobbs	822-3916	Mile 4	B&B, camping, retreat
Mt. View Lodge	Gary Webb	822-4488	Mile 6	Lodge
Twin Lakes Rest Area	NPS	822-5238	Mile 27.8	Picnic tables, toilet, trash, fishing
Sportsmen's Paradise	Lucille Frederick	822-5288	Mile 28.5	Lodge
Jack Creek Rest Area	NPS	822-5238	Mile 35.3	Picnic tables, toilet, trash, fishing
End of the Road B&B	Ellis Family	822-5312	Mile 42	Bed and Breakfast

Tok Cutoff

Name	Owner	Phone	Location	Type of Accommodation
Line Camp	Sawyer Family	822-3508	Mile 0	B&B, rentals, fishing
Gakona Lodge	Marshall Family	822-3482	Mile 2	Lodge
Riverview B&B	private	822-3321	Mile 3	Bed and Breakfast
Gakona RV Wilderness Camp	Masters Family	822-3550	Mile 4.25	Campground
Sinona Creek Camp	Beeter Family	822-3914	Mile 34.4	Campground, RV Park
Chistochina B&B	Traw Family	822-3989	Mile 36.5	B&B, cabins
Grizzly Lake B&B	James Knighten	822-5214/3239	Mile 53	Bed and Breakfast
Porcupine Creek SRS	State of Alaska	None	Mile 64	Toilets, water, trails, fishing
Mentasta Lodge	private	291-2324	Mile 78	Café, gas, laundry, showers, park
Eagle Trail AK Park	State of Alaska	None	Mile 109.5	Toilets, Water
Golden Bear Motel/RV Park	Jenkin Family	883-2561	Mile 124.3	Motel, RV Park

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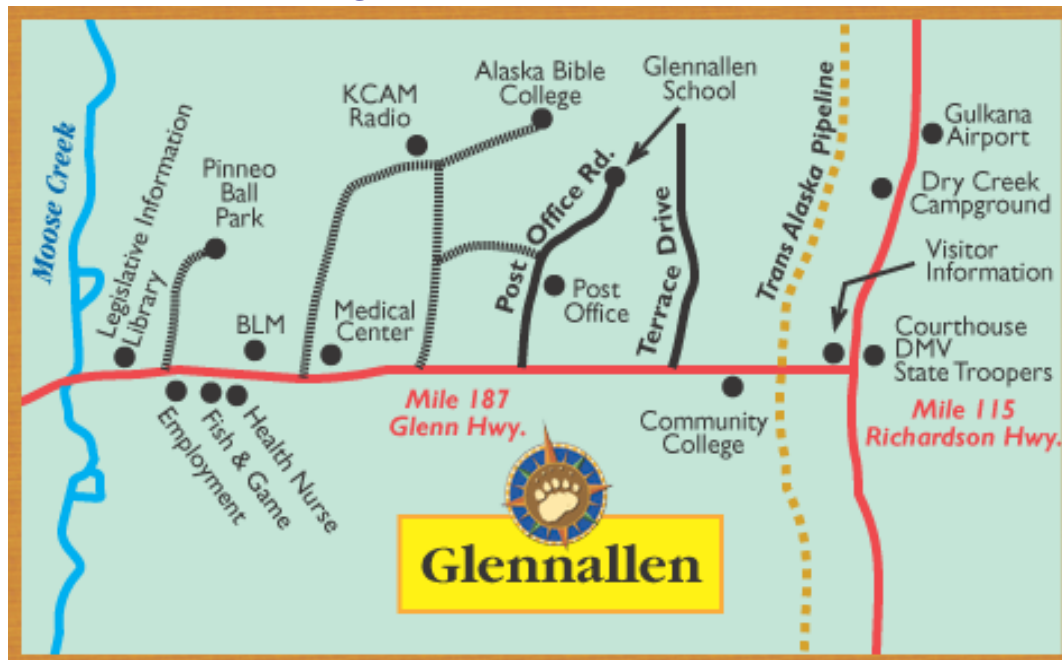
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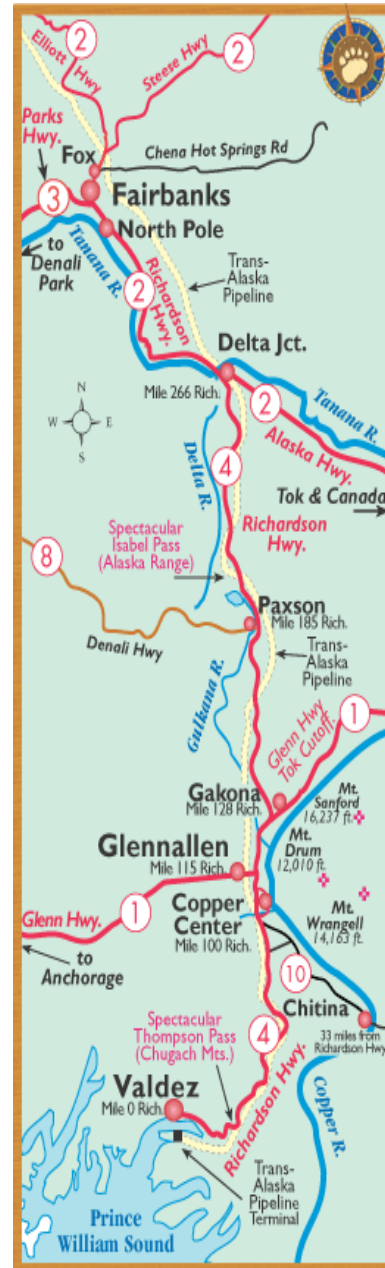
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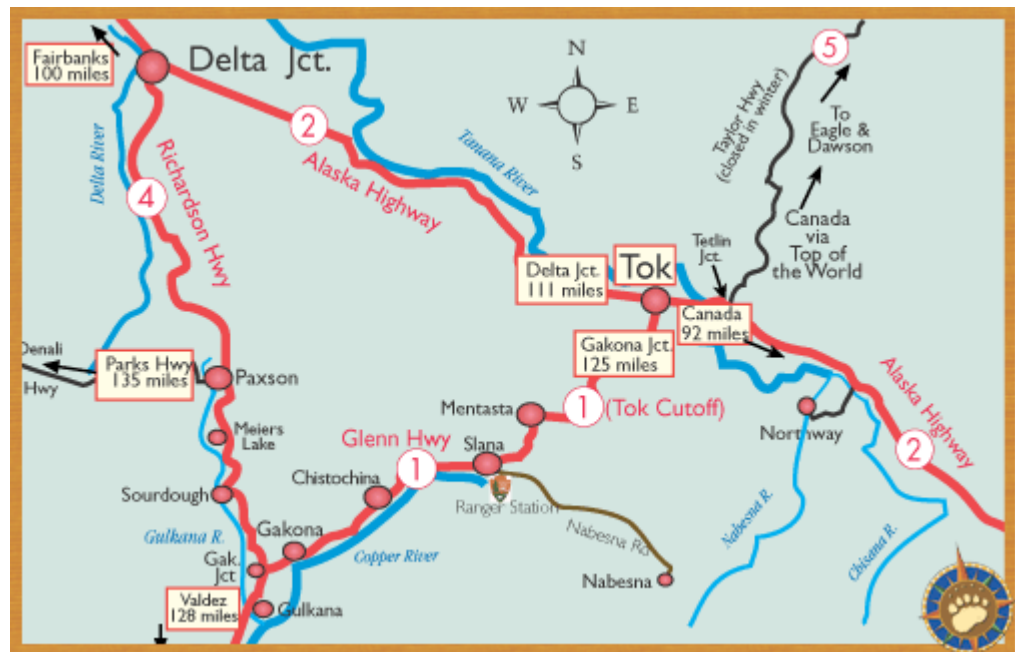
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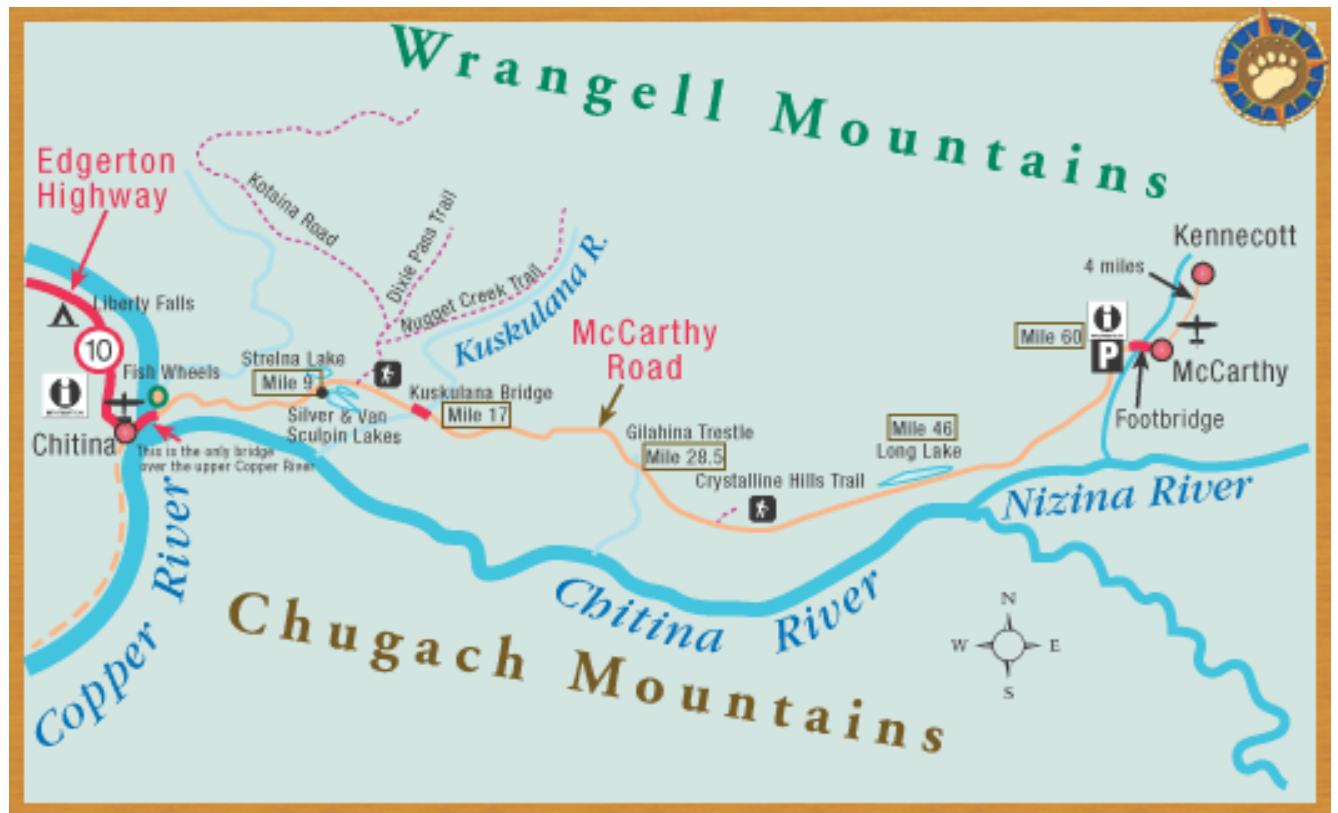
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